

Add new claims 68 to 88 as follows:

68. (new) An internet enabled automatic rental vehicle reservation system, said system having a single Internet web site for an authorized purchaser to access a rental vehicle software program resident on a computer system, said rental vehicle software program having means for automatically responding to a series of commands from said authorized purchaser and communicating a rental vehicle reservation to a computer for one of a plurality of providers of said rental vehicle services, said plurality of providers comprising at least two different business organizations, said rental vehicle service provider computer being programmed with an integrated business software having means for offering rental vehicles for filling said reservation, said rental vehicle software program having means for managing the authorizing, processing and billing of said rental vehicle reservation so that a rental vehicle reservation may be automatically processed thereby for at least said one rental vehicle service provider.

69. (new) The rental vehicle reservation system of claim 68 wherein said authorized purchaser comprises a business organization, said business organization having a plurality of authorized purchasers, said plurality of authorized purchasers being enabled to access said Internet web site from any location offering Internet web access, and wherein said at least one rental vehicle service provider further comprises a second business organization, said second business organization comprising a plurality of diverse rental vehicle locations.

70. (new) The rental vehicle reservation system of claim 69 wherein the rental vehicle software program has means for accepting a remotely initiated reservation and communicating it to the authorized purchaser for authorization.

71. (new) The rental vehicle reservation system of claim 70 wherein the rental vehicle software program has means for an authorized purchaser to modify said reservation.

72. (new) The rental vehicle reservation system of claim 71 wherein the rental vehicle software program has means for an authorized purchaser to extend the authorization for said reservation.

73. (new) The rental vehicle reservation system of claim 69 wherein the rental vehicle software program has means for an authorized purchaser to generate reports relating to reservation activity conducted through said rental vehicle software program.

74. (new) The rental vehicle reservation system of claim 73 wherein said rental vehicle reservation system comprises a computer network having a main frame computer and wherein said rental vehicle service provider computer comprises a computer network having a main frame computer, said main frame computers being linked to each other, and wherein said second computer system further comprises a WAN.

75. (new) A computer software program having means for providing a single Internet site for access by a multi-level business organization to a plurality of service providers, said plurality of service providers including at least two business organizations, including one such service provider accessible through the same single Internet site having it's own computer system programmed with integrated business software, said computer software program having means for managing service reservations placed to said service provider's integrated business software and for fulfillment thereby, said computer software program having means for managing reservations placed therethrough including administrative control and accounting for said reservations.

76. (new) The computer software program of claim 75 wherein said computer software program has means for providing access to an authorized purchaser for placing said reservations, said authorized purchaser comprising the multi-level business organization.

77. (new) The computer software program of claim 76 wherein said at least one service provider comprises a multi-level business organization, said computer software program having means for providing communication between multiple levels of each business organization.

78. (new) The computer software program of claim 77 further comprising a first computer network, said computer software being resident on said first computer network, a second computer network, said integrated business software being resident on said second

computer network, each of said computer networks having a main frame computer, said main frame computers being linked to each other and wherein said second computer system comprises a WAN.

79. (new) A method for managing reservations placed between a first multi-level business organization purchaser and a plurality of service providers through a single web site address, said plurality of service providers comprising at least two business organizations, at least one of said service providers comprising a multi-level business service provider organization, said multi-level business service provider having a computer system programmed with an integrated business software for fulfillment of said reservations, the method comprising:

providing a computer system, said computer system being programmed with reservation management software having means for providing internet access thereto by said multi-level purchaser,

accepting reservations entered by said purchaser into said reservation management software and communicating at least some of them to the service provider's integrated business software for fulfillment, and

storing data for use by said reservation management software relating to the reservations processed thereby, said data thereby being available for management of said reservations including the invoicing and payment therefor.

80. (new) The method of claim 79 further comprising the step of enabling the purchaser to modify any reservation placed into said reservation management software through use of the reservation management software.

81. (new) The method of claim 80 further comprising the step of generating reports summarizing the reservations placed by a purchaser through said management software.

82. (new) An internet enabled automatic rental vehicle reservation system, said system having a single internet web site through which an authorized purchaser of rental vehicle services has access to said system, said system including a computer system programmed with a management software program, said management software program having means for receiving reservations for vehicle rentals, said system having a link to a plurality of rental vehicle service

providers, said plurality of rental vehicle service providers comprising at least two business organizations, including at least one service provider having an integrated business software program for processing and fulfilling said reservations.

83. (new) The internet enabled automatic rental vehicle reservation system of claim 82 wherein said management software has means for invoicing the reservations placed therethrough.

84. (new) The internet enabled automatic rental vehicle reservation system of claim 82 wherein said management software has means for the authorized purchaser to modify the reservations placed therethrough

85. (new) The internet enabled automatic rental vehicle reservation system of claim 82 wherein said management software has means for generating reports summarizing the reservations placed by the authorized purchaser therethrough.

86. (new) An internet enabled automatic rental vehicle reservation system, said system having an Internet web site for an authorized purchaser to access a rental vehicle software program resident on a computer system, said rental vehicle software program having means for automatically responding to a series of commands from said authorized purchaser and communicating a rental vehicle reservation to a computer for at least one provider of said rental vehicle services, said rental vehicle service provider computer being programmed with an integrated business software having means for offering rental vehicles for filling said reservation, said rental vehicle software program having means for managing the authorizing, processing and billing of said rental vehicle reservation so that a rental vehicle reservation may be automatically processed thereby for at least said one rental vehicle service provider.

87. (new) A method for managing reservations placed between a first multi-level business organization purchaser and at least one service provider, said at least one service provider comprising a multi-level business service provider organization, said multi-level business service provider having a computer system programmed with an integrated business software for fulfillment of said reservations, the method comprising:

providing a computer system, said computer system being programmed with reservation management software having means for providing internet access thereto by said multi-level purchaser,

accepting reservations entered by said purchaser into said reservation management software and communicating at least some of them to the service provider's integrated business software for fulfillment, and

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Amendment:

This amendment is being timely filed in connection with an enclosed Request for Continued Examination, the time to file having been extended by the enclosed request for extension of time to March 31, 2003 as March 29 falls on the preceding Saturday, to enable the Examiner to take this amendment up and consider fully the arguments and claims being presented herein. As such, this amendment shall offer new claims for the Examiner to consider, evidence of incredible commercial success submitted by declaration, an expert's interpretation of Brandt by declaration, an explanation of the controlling law, and a discussion of all the foregoing which the Examiner is urged to consider in determining the patentability of all the claims presently on file.

Request for Personal Interview:

Applicants hereby request a personal interview be scheduled at the time that the Examiner takes this amendment up for consideration as it is believed that a personal interview will aid the Examiner in understanding the new evidence and arguments being submitted. The